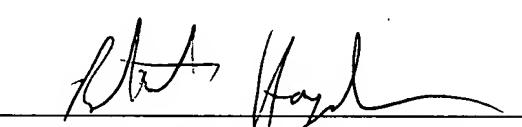


## REMARKS

Claims 26-45 are pending in this application. Claims 1-25 are being canceled and claims 26-45 are being added. Please consider new claims 26-45.

The application is now in a condition for allowance and Applicants therefore request a Notice of Allowance from the Examiner. Should the Examiner have questions, the Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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